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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Michael F. Greene, et al

Examiner: Unknown

For: Device For Establishing Communications
Interoperability At An Incident Site
Including Means For Recording Crisis
Incidents

Serial Number: 10/585,329

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To: Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER 37 CFR§1.102(c)(iii)

Applicants respectively petition that the above captioned application be made special and advanced out of turn for examination based on the fact that applicant believes that the invention disclosed therein will make a material contribution to countering terrorism.

The invention disclosed in this application is believed to specifically contribute to countering terrorism by helping to establish communications interoperability between multiple public safety agencies at an incident site. Such agencies may include police, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), and National Guard. Such an incident site may well be one that has resulted from an actual or attempted act of terrorism.

At a recent keynote speech at the National Grants and Training Conference, Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff was reported to have said that fostering interoperable communication systems for first responders has been an important goal for his department since it was created four years ago. Secretary Chertoff's remarks are reported in greater detail at <http://www.firecuel.com/communications-interoperability/articles/243866>, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

In view of the above, applicants believe that no fee is due for this petition. If, however, the fee of \$130.00 under 37 CFR§1.117(h) is deemed to be due, please charge this fee to deposit account no. 190130

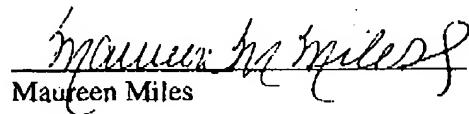
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